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Virus Expression Systems and Vaccines**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be considered prior to examination of the above-cited application. Please note that this Preliminary Amendment copies claims from US Patent Nos. 6,544,785 and 6,649,372 both by Palese.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.